

HONORING SAMUEL HUGH
MATTHEWS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor long-time newspaper editor and community member, Samuel Hugh Matthews, who announced his retirement after more than 60 years of service.

After serving in the United States Army, Mr. Matthews devoted himself to a career in the newspaper business. He started at the Tracy Press in 1957 and quickly became co-publisher in 1964, transitioning to editor in 1967. When it was sold to Golden State Publishing Co. in 2012, Sam remained on staff as a columnist and reporter. His extensive commitment to reporting in his community and his devout integrity made him fundamental to the success of the Tracy Press.

Throughout Sam's years of accomplishments and experiences, he has had the loving support of his wife, children, and grandchildren. In addition, Mr. Matthews has been recognized numerous times, both locally and statewide, for his service and philanthropy.

During his career, Sam displayed an avid commitment to his community through various positions in local activities and newspaper organizations. His unwavering dedication to the community extends beyond his impressive news career and his work as a civic servant.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Samuel Hugh Matthews for his many years of service, devotion, and outstanding contributions to his community. We wish him continued success in his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF NEW ORLEANS FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPERATOR GREGORY J.
HOWARD, SR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

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Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of New Orleans Fire Department Operator Gregory "G" Joseph Howard, Sr., a New Orleans, Louisiana native, who passed away on August 26, 2017 at the age of 36.

Mr. Howard was born on October 20, 1980 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was raised in the 7th Ward and graduated from Sarah T. Reed High School in 1999. He was a nine year veteran of the New Orleans Fire Department. He spent most of his career with the fire department at the Engine 6 station on Old Gentilly Road, in the Desire neighborhood.

Mr. Howard went to Memphis, Tennessee, with his colleagues, to compete in the Memphis Finest Hoops Fest basketball tournament for first responders and law enforcement. While out with some of his colleagues after the first set of games, Mr. Howard was struck by a stray bullet and died instantly.

Mr. Howard loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We can-

not match the sacrifices made by Mr. Howard, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Operator Gregory "G" Joseph Howard, Sr. survivors include his wife Dominique Howard, two sons: Gregory J. Howard, Jr. and Dillion J. Howard; his parents: June Howard and Gregory Newman, Sr., his sister Brittney Howard, a host of siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Operator Gregory "G" Joseph Howard, Sr. a beloved husband, father, and son.

GRADUATE FEEDER SCHOLARS
PROGRAM

HON. AL LAWSON, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, many students have the aspiration to further their education with graduate school, but do not have the means to enroll. Florida A&M University provides qualified students with an opportunity to further their education through the Graduate Feeder Scholars Program (GFSP).

The success of the Graduate Feeder Scholars Program has enabled Florida A&M University to lead the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the number of students who acquire post-graduate degrees.

The program is celebrating 30 years of excellence at this year's 2017 Graduate Feeder Scholars Conference, which will take place Wednesday, September 6 through Friday, September 8, on FAMU's campus. I would like to commend everyone who has worked tirelessly and diligently in making sure our children have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and advance their education.

It is time to expand the Feeder Scholars program to more HBCU's and I know Florida A&M is ready to assist in the process.

I am proud to support this wonderful program and acknowledge Florida A&M's hard work over the years. Again, congratulations on 30 successful years and to many more to come.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
MARKTOWN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize the 100th anniversary of the historic neighborhood of Marktown in East Chicago, Indiana. In honor of this special occasion, the Marktown Centennial Celebration was held at the Marktown Community Center Park on August 19, 2017. Events included a remarkable exhibit, "Marktown—The First 100 Years," as well as a walking tour of this noteworthy community.

In 1917, Marktown was constructed by Clayton Mark and designed in the English Tudor Revival style by renowned architect Howard

Van Doren Shaw. The neighborhood was built as a planned housing community for the people who worked at Mark Manufacturing, one of the first mills along Indiana's shoreline. Marktown is largely known for its distinctive design in which the cars are parked on the sidewalks and the streets are purposed for pedestrian walkways. While only part of the original design was built, the community met the needs of the American workforce and their families in the Indiana Harbor. The concept of Marktown is truly innovative and a shining example of American ingenuity in the early part of the 20th century. In 1975, the community was added to the National Register of Historic Places, capturing Marktown's historical and cultural significance from the industrial growth period in the Calumet Region. The importance of the Marktown neighborhood contributes to the history and culture of Northwest Indiana and our nation.

Today, the residents of Marktown, as well as the members of the Marktown Preservation Society and its president, Paul Myers, focus their efforts upon the preservation of the historic homes in this community. The people who live in Marktown today are very proud and protective of their neighborhood. Many of the residents descend from generations of family members who grew up in Marktown, and they continue to fight for the restoration and preservation of this unique community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the historic neighborhood of Marktown on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. The Marktown historic community is a significant piece of the region's past and will always be remembered and admired. The commitment to preservation and the unwavering dedication of the Marktown residents and members of the Marktown Preservation Society, and Paul Myers are truly admirable, and they are worthy of the highest praise.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1986 TO DESIGNATE THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS AN
EMPOWERMENT ZONE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to instruct the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to deem areas within the District of Columbia as empowerment zones. This bill would effectively reauthorize the tax incentives for business investment in the District, which expired in 2011, yet are timelier than ever today. These were the only tax incentives for a big city that were not extended, even though they were initially created by Republicans, with a few Democrats. The wisdom of these bipartisan, modest, targeted tax incentives has been amply and visibly demonstrated in the economic resurgence in many parts of the nation's capital. However, the D.C. tax incentives were cut off before the poorest neighborhoods were ready to make use of them.

Congress has recognized that the benefits of incentives for investment in economically